

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus comprising:
 - a weighing machine constituting the combination weighing apparatus;
 - a weighing machine control portion for setting an operating condition of the weighing machine and logging an operating state of the weighing machine; and
 - a communication device for transmitting and receiving electronic information including setting information of the operating condition and/or log information of the operating state via a communication medium[[]],
wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.
2. (Original) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the communication medium is selected from the group consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, a public line, Internet, a value added network, a commercial network, and combinations thereof.
3. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the communication device is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.
4. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.
5. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the log information

of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.

6. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.
7. (canceled)
8. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in a predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.
9. (previously presented) The remotely accessible combination weighing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format.
10. (currently amended) A combination weighing system comprising:
 - a combination weighing apparatus having: a weighing machine constituting the combination weighing apparatus;
 - a weighing machine control portion for setting an operating condition of the weighing machine and logging an operating state of the weighing machine; and
 - a communication device for transmitting and receiving electronic information including setting information of the operating condition and log information of the operating state; and
 - a server computer that includes a central communication device for performing communication with the communication device and

manages the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state in the electronic information; and

a communication medium via which communication is performed between the communication device and the central communication device[[]],

wherein the electronic information has a format of an electronic mail.

11. (Original) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the communication medium is selected from the group consisting of a local area network, a wide area network, a public line, Internet, a value added network, a commercial network, and combinations thereof.
12. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the communication device of the combination weighing apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.
13. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, further comprising means for storing the setting information of the operating condition and the log information of the operating state.
14. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the log information of the operating state is selected from the group consisting of a control set value, an input key history, inter-process communication information, operation error information, and image information.
15. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the setting information of the operating condition includes a control set value.
16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the server computer further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the setting information of the operating condition into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the setting information of the operating condition in the predetermined format to extract the setting information of the operating condition.
18. (previously presented) The combination weighing system according to claim 10, wherein the combination weighing apparatus further comprises electronic information creating means for incorporating the log information of the operating state into the electronic information in a predetermined format, and the server computer further comprises electronic information analyzing means for analyzing the electronic information incorporating the log information of the operating state in the predetermined format to extract the log information of the operating state.